

2015 ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATES
Essex Powerlines Corporation

EB-2014-0301

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OEB Staff Comments on Draft Rate Order

June 16, 2015

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Decision and Order, Essex Powerlines Corporation (Essex Powerlines) filed its draft Rate Order on June 12, 2015. The Decision and Order made provisions for comments by OEB staff and intervenors by June 16, 2015.

OEB staff has reviewed the proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges, Excel models and calculations provided in Essex Powerlines' draft Rate Order. OEB staff notes that Essex Powerlines has used a number of versions of the Rate Generator Model (with embedded continuity schedules) in order to calculate its rate riders for the disposition of its deferral and variance accounts in accordance with the OEB's Decision and Order. Essex Powerlines has not utilized the rates calculated after the GDP-IPI increase, and has kept its rates at 2014 levels, pursuant to the OEB's decision in this proceeding. Essex Powerlines has also provided a separate set of bill impacts incorporating all changes. No bill impacts are above the 10% threshold for mitigation. OEB staff believes that Essex Powerlines has correctly reflected the OEB's decision with the exception noted below.

“Effective Until” Date for Tax Change Rate Rider

OEB staff notes a typographical error in the effective until date for the rate rider for tax changes. On Essex Powerlines' proposed Tariff of Rates and Charges, the date noted is April 29, 2016. OEB staff notes the date should be April 30, 2016.

- All of which is respectfully submitted -